

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An image correction apparatus comprising:

a reflective scanner for reading a print image output from a printer based on print image data, which has an the print image output from the printer having an identifying mark provided at a position of a defect on a scanned image of the print image, thereby obtaining read-out image data which has image data of the identifying mark in addition to the print image data; and

an image correction section for correcting and repairing image data of the defect on said scanned print image by utilizing the position of said identifying mark on the scanned print image output from the printer read by the reflective scanner,

wherein the image correction section corrects the print image data by comparing the read-out image data with the print image data, and the corrected print image data reproducing reproduces the image data of the scanned print image without the defect,

~~wherein the defect is caused by at least one of~~

~~a scratch on the print image,~~

~~a dust on the print image,~~

~~a stain on the print image,~~

~~a red eye of a photographed person in the print image, and~~

~~a region having different chromaticity, brightness and chroma from those of a peripheral region of the scanned image due to a defect of a scanning pickup element used for scanning the print image.~~

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The image correction apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

an image display unit for displaying an image portion of said image data the print image in an enlarged state corresponding to the position of said identifying mark on said ~~scanned print~~ image.

7. (Currently Amended) The image correction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said image correction section detects the position of said identifying mark by comparing the print image data of said print image with the read-out image data of said scanned image.

8. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A digital photoprinter comprising:

a scanner for photoelectrically reading ~~a print~~ an original image on a film, ~~thereby obtaining print image data~~; and

an image recording unit, said image recording unit further including an image processing apparatus for performing image processing on the print image data read by the scanner;

an image correction apparatus for correcting a defect in the print image data read by the scanner;

wherein said image correction apparatus further includes

a reflective scanner for reading a print image output by a printer, the print image which has having an identifying mark provided at a position of a defect on a scanned image of the print image, thereby obtaining read-out image data which includes image data of the identifying mark in addition to the print image data; and

an image correction section for correcting image data of said scanned print image by utilizing the a position of said identifying mark on the scanned print image output from the printer read by the reflective scanner,

wherein the image correction section corrects the print image data by comparing the read-out image data with the print image data; and a printer for

wherein the printer is also capable of outputting a print image that has been processed and corrected in the digital photoprinter.

10. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The digital photoprinter according to claim 8, further comprising:

an image display unit for displaying an image portion of the print image ~~said image data~~ in an enlarged state corresponding to the position of said identifying mark on said ~~scanned~~ print image.

11. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The digital photoprinter according to claim 8, wherein said image correction section detects the position of said identifying mark by comparing the read-out image data ~~of said print image~~ with the print image data ~~of said scanned image~~.

12. (Previously Presented) The image correction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the identifying mark is manually provided by an operator.

13. (Withdrawn) The digital photoprinter according to claim 8, wherein the identifying mark is manually provided by an operator.

14. (Currently Amended) A digital photoprinter comprising:
a scanner for photoelectrically reading ~~a print~~ an original image on a film, ~~thereby~~ obtaining print image data; and

an image recording unit, said image recording unit further including an image processing apparatus for performing image processing on the print image data read by the scanner;

an image correction apparatus for correcting a defect in the print image data read by the scanner;

wherein said image correction apparatus further includes

a reflective scanner for reading a print image output by a printer, the print image which has having an identifying mark provided at a position of a defect on a scanned image of the print image, thereby obtaining read-out image data which includes image data of the identifying mark in addition to the print image data; and

an image correction section for correcting image data of the defect of the print said scanned image by utilizing the position of said identifying mark on the scanned print image output by the printer read by the reflective scanner; and

a printer for wherein the printer is also capable of outputting a print image that has been processed and corrected in the digital photoprinter,

wherein the image correction section corrects the print image data of the scanned image data by comparing the read-out image data of the scanned image with fine scan image data of the print image data,

the digital photoprinter further comprising:

an image display unit for displaying an image of said image data in an enlarged state corresponding to the position of said identifying mark on said scanned image.

15. (New) The image correction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the defect is indicated by at least one of

a scratch on the print image,

a dust on the print image,

a stain on the print image,

a red-eye of a photographed person in the print image, and

a region having different chromaticity, brightness and chroma from those of a peripheral region of the scanned image due to a defect of a scanning pickup element used for scanning a film.